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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH PRESIDENT BALAGUER - POSSIBLE CARIBBEAN
COS MEETING

REF: SD 0042 (NOTAL)

DURING CONVERSATION REPORTED REFTEL, I INQUIRED WHETHER
BALAGUER PLANNED TO ATTEND THE CARIBBEAN CHIEFS OF STATE MEETING
PROPOSED BY VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT PEREZ. BALAGUER REPLIED THAT
HE HAD RECENTLY RECEIVED A VENEZUELAN EMISSARY WHO LEFT WITH
HIM A PLAN FOR ESTABLISHING A NEW LATIN AMERICAN ORGANIZATION,
INCLUDING CUBA AND EXCLUDING THE US. HE SAID HE FOUND IT
RATHER VAGUE AND THAT ALTHOUGH IT WAS DESCRIBED AS A PURELY
ECONOMIC ORGANIZATION, HE FOUND IT TO BE POLITICAL AS WELL.
HE CONTINUED THAT IF A CARIBBEAN COS MEETING WERE INDEED TO
OCCUR, HE WOULD PROBABLY ATTEND (RATHER THAN BE LEFT OUT) AND
WOULD OPPOSE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ANY ORGANIZATION THAT DEALT
WITH POLITICS. HE WAS OPENLY SKEPTICAL OF THE VALUE OF AN
ECONOMIC ORGANIZATION, BUT DID NOT FEEL HE COULD OPPOSE IT.
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